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# THE KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL, 2026

## A Bill for

**AN ACT of Parliament to establish the Kenya Leather Development Authority; provide for the development, regulation, promotion and coordination of the leather industry; provide for the development of specialized leather industry infrastructure responsive to prevailing and emerging industry needs; the licensing of leather industry players; provide for the governance and administration of the Authority; revoke the Kenya Leather Development Council Order, 2011; and for connected purposes.**

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

## PART I—PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Kenya Leather Development Authority Act, 2026.

Interpretation.

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Authority" means the Kenya Leather Development Authority established under section 4;

"Accessories" means components and parts used in the manufacturing of leather footwear and leather products;

"Board" means the board of the Authority;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to industry;

"Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board appointed under section 7;

"Chemicals" means organic and inorganic compounds used in the processing of leather and manufacture of leather products;

"Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority appointed under section 18;

"Enterprise" means a corporate body which has been licensed under this Act;

"Leather Industrial Park" means a designated geographical area, where leather is processed and leather products are manufactured;

"leather industry player" means a person engaged in the production, collection, aggregation, processing, preservation, trading, tanning, manufacture, recycling, marketing, importation or exportation of leather or leather products, and includes a slaughter operator, tannery, leather product manufacturer and such other person as may be prescribed; and

"Leather Inspectors'' means an officer appointed under Section 26.

Objective.

**3.** The objective of this Act is to—

(a) establish the Kenya Leather Development Authority as a successor to the Kenya Leather Development Council;

(b) provide a framework for the development, regulation, promotion, management, coordination and marketing of the leather industry in Kenya; and

(c) provide a framework for enhancing value addition, competitiveness and sustainable growth of the leather industry.

## PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Establishment of the Authority.

**4.** (1) There is established an Authority to be known as the Kenya Leather Development Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

(a) suing and being sued;

(b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;

(c) borrowing money or making investments;

(d) entering into contracts; and

(e) doing or performing all such other acts or things necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

Headquarters of the Authority.

**5.** (1) The headquarters of the Authority shall be in Nairobi.

(2) The Authority may establish such regional or county offices as it may consider necessary for the effective discharge of its functions.

(3) In establishing offices under subsection (2), the Authority shall ensure decentralization of its services in accordance with the Constitution.

Functions of the Authority.

**6.** The Authority shall, in respect of the leather industry, perform the following functions—

(a) advise the Cabinet Secretary on policy matters relating to the development, processing, manufacturing, marketing and trade in hides, skins, leather and leather products;

(b) regulate, promote, coordinate and facilitate the development of the leather industry;

(c) develop leather infrastructure including leather industrial parks, common manufacturing facilities, research laboratories and other associated infrastructure to facilitate value addition;

(d) identify, support and promote the development of micro, small and medium industries and clusters in the leather industry;

(e) promote research, innovation, training and technology development in the leather industry in collaboration with relevant institutions;

(f) promote the adoption of appropriate technologies and value addition in the leather industry;

(g) facilitate training, capacity building and consultancy services for industry players in the leather industry;

(h) develop and enforce leather sector standards and code of practice in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders;

(i) establish and maintain a comprehensive database of players in the leather industry;

(j) collect, analyse and disseminate information and data relating to the leather industry;

(k) promote domestic and international marketing of leather and leather products;

(l) facilitate linkages and collaboration between national and county governments, industry players and other stakeholders in the leather industry;

(m) undertake certification and verification of imports and exports of leather and leather products in accordance with applicable laws; and

(n) perform any other function conferred on it by this Act or any other written law.

Board of the Authority.

**7.** (1) There shall be a Board of the Authority which shall be responsible for the management and strategic direction of the Authority.

(2) The Board shall consist of—

(a) a chairperson appointed by the President;

(b) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to industry;

(c) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance;

(d) the Attorney-General or a representative designated in writing;

(e) four members who are not public servants appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and of whom—

(i) one shall have knowledge in the leather industry;

(ii) one shall be a finance expert; and

(iii) two shall be a representative of the leather industry nominated by a recognized industry association respectively representing processing and manufacturing sub-sectors.

(f) the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority who shall be an *ex officio* member and secretary to the Board.

(3) In appointing members under subsection (2)(e), the Cabinet Secretary shall ensure that the Board reflects a

balance of skills, experience and gender in accordance with the Constitution.

Powers of the Board.

**8.** (1) The Board shall be responsible for the policy direction and oversight of the Authority and shall—

(a) ensure the proper and effective performance of the functions of the Authority;

(b) formulate and approve policies, strategies and programmes for the achievement of the objectives of the Authority;

(c) approve the organizational structure and staffing establishment of the Authority;

(d) recruit and appoint the Chief Executive Officer through a competitive process and determine the terms and conditions of service of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with applicable law;

(e) appoint senior management staff of the Authority and determine their terms and conditions of service in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission and other relevant institutions as provided under the Constitution and any written law;

(f) approve the annual budget, work plans and programmes of the Authority;

(g) manage, control and administer the assets, property and funds of the Authority in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act; *(Cap.412A.)*

(h) receive and manage any grants, donations or endowments made to the Authority;

(i) approve the investment of funds of the Authority in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act; *(Cap.412A.)*

(j) promote co-operation and partnerships with other institutions within and outside Kenya; and

(k) perform any other function conferred on the Board under this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Board may exercise all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

(3) Subject to this Act, the Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee of the Board or to any member, officer, employee or agent of the Authority, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions or duties of the Board under this Act.

Qualifications for appointment.

**9.** A person shall be qualified for appointment as the chairperson or a member of the Board if that person—

(a) holds a bachelors degree from a university recognized in Kenya;

(b) has at least six years' experience in leadership, management or a relevant professional field; and

(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Disqualification from appointment.

**10.** A person shall not be qualified for appointment as the chairperson or a member of the Board if that person—

(a) is a Member of Parliament or a member of a county assembly;

(b) is a member of the governing body of a political party;

(c) is an undischarged bankrupt;

(d) has been removed from office for contravening the Constitution or any other written law;

(e) is convicted of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude;

(f) has been sentenced by a court to imprisonment for a term of six months or more without the option of a fine; or

(g) is otherwise unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of physical or mental incapacity.

Tenure of office.

**11.** (1) The chairperson and members of the Board, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

(2) A member shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the instrument of appointment.

Vacation of office.

**12.** The office of the chairperson or a member of the Board, other than an ex officio member, shall become vacant if the holder—

(a) resigns from office in accordance with this Act;

(b) becomes subject to any of the disqualifications specified under section 10;

(c) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without the permission of the Board; or

(d) is removed from office by the appointing authority for inability to perform the functions of the office, whether arising from infirmity of body or mind, incompetence or misconduct.

Resignation.

**13.** (1) The chairperson or a member of the Board may resign from office by giving written notice to the appointing authority.

(2) The resignation shall take effect from the date specified in the notice or, if no date is specified, from the date the notice is received by the appointing authority.

Conduct of business and affairs of the Authority.

**14.** The conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the Board shall be as provided in the First Schedule, but subject to that Schedule, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

Common seal.

**15.**(1) The Authority shall have a common seal which shall be kept in the custody of the chief executive officer or such other person as the Board may direct.

(2) The affixing of the common seal shall be authenticated by the signatures of the chairperson and the chief executive officer or by such other person as the Board may authorize for that purpose.

(3) A document purporting to be under the seal of the Authority and authenticated in accordance with this section shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed without further proof unless the contrary is proved.

(4) The Authority may execute documents without the use of the common seal in such manner as the Board may determine.

Remuneration of members of the Board.

**16.** The chairperson and members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, fees and allowances as may be determined by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

The Chief Executive Officer.

**17.** (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Authority who shall be appointed in accordance with this Act.

(2) The chief executive officer shall be the administrative head of the Authority and shall be responsible for the day-today management of the affairs of the Authority.

(3) The chief executive officer shall be an ex officio member of the Board but shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Board.

Appointment and tenure of the Chief Executive Officer.

**18.** (1) The chief executive officer shall be recruited by the Board through a competitive process and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary.

(2) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of five years.

(3) The appointment shall be on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine in accordance with applicable law.

Qualifications for appointment as chief executive officer.

**19.** A person shall be qualified for appointment as chief executive officer if that person—

(a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya in strategic leadership, business administration, economics, industrial development, public administration or a related field;

(b) has at least ten years' experience in senior management or leadership in the public or private sector;

(c) possesses demonstrated knowledge and experience in industry development, trade, investment promotion or manufacturing;

(d) has knowledge and experience in matters relating to industrial development, manufacturing, value addition or the leather industry; and

(e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Removal of the Chief Executive Officer.

**20.** (1) The chief executive officer may be removed from office by the Board for—

(a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising from physical or mental incapacity;

(b) gross misconduct or misbehaviour;

(c) incompetence or neglect of duty;

(d) violation of the Constitution or any other written law; or

(e) any other lawful ground that would justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of service.

(2) Before the removal of the chief executive officer under subsection (1), the chief executive officer shall be given—

(a) sufficient notice of the allegations made against him or her; and

(b) an opportunity to respond to the allegations in accordance with the Fair Administrative Action Act. *(Cap 7L.)*

Staff of the Authority.

**21.** The Authority may appoint such staff as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, on such terms and conditions of service as the Authority may determine in accordance with applicable law.

## PART III — REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEATHER INDUSTRY

Leather processing and manufacturing licence.

**22.** (1) A person shall not—

(a) operate a tannery;

(b) operate a leather manufacturing facility; or

(c) carry on the commercial trade of importing or exporting leather or leather products;

unless that person holds a valid license issued by the Authority for the activity and premises concerned.

(2) The Authority shall not issue a license to operate a tannery or leather manufacturing facility unless satisfied that—

(a) the premises, equipment and processes are suitable for the activities proposed;

(b) the applicant has the technical competence and qualified personnel necessary for safe and proper operation;

(c) the applicant has obtained approvals required under environmental, water, occupational safety and health, public health, county and other applicable laws;

(d) the systems are in place for effluent, emissions, solid waste, hazardous substances and chemical management;

(e) the systems are in place for traceability, grading, preservation, storage and record-keeping; and

(f) the proposed operation complies with prescribed requirements and applicable Kenyan standards.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of this section, commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding one million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both.

Trade in leather and leather products.

**23.**(1) A person shall not import or export leather or leather products for trade unless the person holds a valid importer or exporter licence or permit and a certificate of origin.

(2) A permit issued under subsection (1) shall be valid for the consignment.

Application for a licence or permit.

**24.**(1) A person who intends to perform any function under this Act for which a licence or permit is required shall submit—

(a) an application for a licence or permit, in the prescribed form;

(b) such information as may be prescribed; and

(c) the prescribed fees.

(2) The Authority shall consider an application within fourteen days, and may—

(a) grant a licence or permit subject to conditions specified; or

(b) refuse to grant the licence or permit.

(3) Where the Authority refuses to grant a licence or permit, it shall within fourteen days and in writing, notify the applicant in the prescribed form, stating the reason for such refusal.

(4) A licence or permit issued under this Act shall—

(a) be in the prescribed form;

(b) specify the activity authorised under the license or permit;

(c) be valid for such period as may be prescribed;

(d) be subject to such conditions as the Authority may determine; and

(e) is not be transferable.

(5) The Authority may suspend or revoke a license issued under this section where the holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Act or any conditions attached to the license.

(6) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Authority under this section may, within twenty-one days from the day of notification under subsection (3) lodge an appeal before the Board of the Authority.

(7) The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this section.

Register.

**25.**The Authority shall, for purposes related to this part, keep and maintain a register of leather industry players.

Appointment and powers of Inspectors.

**26.**(1) The Authority may appoint through a notice in the *Gazette* qualified persons as inspectors for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Act.

(2) An inspector may, for the purposes of ensuring compliance with this Act, subject to the Constitution and any other written law—

(a) inspect any premises, facility or consignment relating to the processing, manufacture, import or export of leather or leather products;

(b) require the production of documents or records relating to the activities regulated under this Act; and

(c) examine and verify goods falling within the scope of this Act.

(3) Where an inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that goods are being handled in contravention of this Act, the inspector may—

(a) seize or detain the goods pending further investigation in accordance with this Act or any other applicable law; or

(b) issue a compliance notice.

Leather industrial parks.

**27.** (1) The Cabinet Secretary may, on the recommendation of the Authority and in consultation with a County Government, declare any area to be a leather industrial park by notice in the *Gazette*.

(2) The Authority shall facilitate the development and management of leather industrial parks and common manufacturing facilities for the purposes of promoting value addition and investment in the leather industry.

Protection from personal liability.

**28.** No matter or thing done by a member of the Board, officer, employee or agent of the Authority shall, if the matter or thing is done in good faith for the execution of the functions, powers or duties of the Authority under this Act, render that member, officer, employee or agent personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever.

Liability of the Authority for damages.

**29.** The Authority shall subject to section 28, compensate any person for injury or damage arising from the exercise of any power conferred on the Authority under this Act or any other written law.

## PART IV—FINANCIAL POVISIONS

Funds of the Authority.

**30.** (1) The funds of the Authority shall consist of—

(a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Authority;

(b) fees, levies and charges payable to the Authority under this Act or any other written law;

(c) grants, gifts, donations or endowments made to the Authority;

(d) income derived from the Authority's activities or services;

(e) assets that may accrue to or vest in the Authority in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act; and

any other monies lawfully received by the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall disclose details of the sources of its funds in the annual report.

Leather Development Levy.

**31.** (1) There shall be paid a Leather Development Levy in respect of—

(a) the processing of leather; and

(b) the manufacture or export of hides, skins, leather and leather products.

(2) The levy payable under subsection (1) shall be prescribed by the Cabinet Secretary in regulations.

(3) The levy shall be collected in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) All monies collected under this section shall be paid into the Leather Sector Development Fund established under section 32.

Leather Sector Development Fund.

*(Cap. 412A.)*

**32.** (1) There shall be established a Fund to be known as the Leather Sector Development Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

Financial year.

**33.** The financial year of the Authority shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

Annual estimates.

**34.**(1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Board shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Authority for that financial year.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all expenditure of the Authority for the financial year necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act.

(3) The annual estimates shall be approved by the Board and submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate.

(4) No expenditure shall be incurred by the Authority except in accordance with the approved annual estimates.

(5) The Cabinet Secretary shall cause a copy of the approved annual estimates to be tabled in Parliament.

Accounts and audit.

**35.** (1) The Authority shall cause to be kept proper books and records of accounts of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Authority.

(2) Within three months after the end of each financial year, the Authority shall submit to the Auditor-General the accounts of the Authority for that year together with—

(a) a statement of income and expenditure of the Authority during that financial year; and

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Authority on the last day of that financial year.

*(Cap. 412B)*

(3) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited and reported upon by the Auditor-General in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

Investment of funds.

**36.** (1) The Authority may invest any of its funds which are not immediately required for its purposes in such securities as may be approved by the National Treasury.

(2) The Authority may place on deposit with such bank or financial institution as it may determine any monies not immediately required for the purposes of the Authority.

Annual report.

**37.** (1) The Authority shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Cabinet Secretary an annual report on the operations of the Authority for that year.

(2) The annual report shall include—

(a) the financial statements of the Authority;

(b) a report on the activities and performance of the Authority during the year to which the report relates; and

(c) such other information as the Cabinet Secretary may require.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall, within two months of receiving the annual report, transmit the report to Parliament.

## PART V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Obstruction of the Authority.

**38.** A person who obstructs, hinders or interferes with the Authority, or any officer, employee or agent of the Authority acting in the lawful performance of their functions under this Act, commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to—

(a) a fine not exceeding one million shillings;

(b) imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months; or

(c) both.

Regulations.

**39.**(1) The Cabinet Secretary may, on the recommendation of the Board, make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may provide for—

(a) licensing of leather industry players including tanneries, leather product manufacturers, exporters & importers of leather and leather products;

(b) the procedures and requirements for the application, issuance, suspension and revocation of licenses;

(c) the regulation and management of leather industrial parks;

(d) the appointment, powers and duties of inspectors;

(e) the fees, levies and charges payable under this Act;

(f) the standards, certification and verification of leather and leather products;

(g) the promotion of training, capacity building and consultancy services in the leather industry;

(h) any forms, procedures or administrative matters required for the implementation of this Act; and

(i) any other matter requiredfor th

(j) effective administration of this Act.

Transitional provisions.

**40.**(1) All property, assets, rights, liabilities and obligations which, immediately before the commencement of this Act, were vested in or imposed on the Kenya Leather Development Council, shall, upon the commencement of this Act, vest in or be imposed on the Authority.

(2) All contracts, agreements and other instruments subsisting immediately before the commencement of this

Act and to which the Kenya Leather Development Council was a party shall continue in force and shall be enforceable by or against the Authority.

(3) Any legal proceedings pending by or against the Kenya Leather Development Council immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue by or against the Authority.

(4) Any directions, orders, licenses, permits or other authorizations issued by the Kenya Leather Development Council and subsisting at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been issued by the Authority.

Staff of the Kenya Leather Development Council.

**41.**(1) A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, was a member of staff of the Kenya Leather Development Council shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be deemed to be a member of staff of the Authority.

(2) A person transferred under subsection (1) shall serve on the same or improved terms and conditions of service as those that applied to that person immediately before the commencement of this Act.

(3) The transfer of staff under this section shall not be construed as—

(a) a break in the continuity of service; or

(b) a termination of employment for the purposes of pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits.

Revocation of Legal Notice No. 114 of 2011

**42.**The Kenya Leather Development Council Order, 2011 (Legal Notice No. 114 of 2011) is, revoked.

## SECOND SCHEDULE (s.41)

## TRANSITION OF STAFF TO THE AUTHORITY

Transfer of staff

**1.** (1) A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, was a member of staff of the Kenya Leather Development Council shall, upon the commencement of this Act, become a member of staff of the Kenya Leather Development Authority.

(2) A person transferred under this paragraph shall serve on the same or improved terms and conditions of service as those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.

Continuity of service

**2.** The transfer of staff under this Schedule shall not be construed as a break in continuity of service and shall not prejudice any rights relating to pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits.

Pending disciplinary proceedings

**3.** (1) Any disciplinary proceedings pending against a member of staff of the Kenya Leather Development Council immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue as if they had been commenced by the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall determine the proceedings in accordance with applicable public service laws and regulations.

## MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The principal object of this Bill is to establish the Kenya Leather Development Authority as a body corporate responsible for the development, promotion, coordination and regulation of the leather industry in Kenya.

The leather industry has significant potential to contribute to industrial development, value addition, employment creation and export growth. However, the sector has historically faced challenges including fragmentation of the value chain, inadequate industrial infrastructure, limited market coordination and weak regulatory oversight.

The Bill therefore seeks to establish a statutory framework for the development and regulation of the leather industry through the creation of the Kenya Leather Development Authority.

The specific objects of the Bill are to—

(a) establish the Kenya Leather Development Authority as the successor to the Kenya Leather Development Council;

(b) provide for the functions and powers of the Authority, including promotion of value addition, development of leather industrial parks, certification and verification of leather products and facilitation of training and capacity building within the leather industry;

(c) provide a governance framework for the Authority, including the establishment of a Board of the Authority and provisions relating to the appointment, qualifications and tenure of members of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer;

(d) provide for the regulation of activities within leather industrial parks, including licensing of enterprises operating within such parks;

(e) establish the financial framework of the Authority, including provisions relating to funds of the Authority, financial management, accounts and audit; and

(f) provide for transitional arrangements including the transfer of assets, liabilities and staff of the Kenya Leather Development Council to the Authority.

The Bill further provides for the repeal of the Kenya Leather Development Council Order, 2011 (Legal Notice No. 114 of 2011) and the transition of the Council into the Authority.

The enactment of this Bill will facilitate the development of a competitive and integrated leather industry, promote industrialization and support the growth of manufacturing and value addition in Kenya.

**Statement on Delegated Legislation**

The Bill contains provisions which empower the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of the Act.

**Statement on whether the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution**

This Bill contains provisions dealing with matters specified under Article 114 of the Constitution in that it provides for the establishment of the Leather Development Fund and the imposition of levies payable under the Act, which monies shall be applied for the development of the leather industry.

The enactment of this Bill may therefore occasion public expenditure from the Consolidated Fund and the raising of revenue through levies payable under the Act.

Accordingly, the Bill concerns matters that may be regarded as a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution.

**Statement on Devolved Government**

The provisions of this Bill primarily relate to the functions of the national government as set out under Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, particularly those relating to industrial development, trade policy and regulation of the leather industry.

However, the implementation of the Act will require collaboration between the national government and county governments, particularly in relation to the development of leather industrial parks and the promotion of value addition within counties.

Dated the 7th October, 2026

KIMANI ICHUNG'WAH,
*Leader of the Majority Party.*